

VIDEO SLOT GAMING MACHINE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 **[0052]** A video slot machine includes a display device for displaying a plurality of game elements in a grid having a plurality of cells defined by rows and columns, a memory device for storing a pay-table, a game controller coupled to the display device and the memory device. The game controller being is adapted to randomly select the game elements to be displayed in the display device and to
10 determine an outcome based on the displayed game elements, a pay-table, and predetermined paylines. The selected game elements are selected from a set of possible game elements. The set of possible game elements includes a bonus element. The game controller is adapted to identify the presence of the bonus element in one of the cells of a column and to modify all of the symbols within the column to wild if a
15 wild character in any one cells of the column would modify the outcome. A bonus game is also provided which depicts a contest between the player and the game machine.